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Mac:

This is the story I mentioned to you earlier. This matter is now straightened out between Food for Peace and Agriculture.

It may still be an example of the kind of problem I raised; namely, the foreign policy effects of decisions that are taken under a sense of urgency by agencies dealing in the domestic sphere.


C.K.

U. S. Halts Grain Sales To Protect Its Supplies

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (AP) — The Agriculture Department banned the sale of Government-owned corn and other feed grains until further notice today as a result of the Cuban crisis.

A department spokesman said the order was issued after the department's commodity offices received heavy offers to buy grain following president Kennedy's address on the Cuban situation last night.

No formal announcement of the order was made, but the spokesman said the department's commodity offices throughout the country were ordered to stop sales other than of non-storable corn.

"We just want to stop and review our supply needs and see what may happen on the Cuban matter. The ban may be lifted at any time," the spokesman said.

He explained that the department did not want a run on Government stocks.